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PIVOT STRUCTURE THAT  
FACILIATES THE RAPID  
FORMATION OF PIVOT COUPLINGS  
BETWEEN COMPONENTS

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT MAILED ON JANUARY 8, 2004**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on January 8, 2004, Applicant hereby re-submits the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the original response which was timely filed on October 9, 2003. The present re-submission includes the text of amended claim 1 which was previously omitted. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendment section of the response is now fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

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